

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS
ADVISORY BOARD
MARCH 25, 2003**

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. Present were Norman Blanco, Donnell Johnson, Katherine Montgomery, John Pisula, and Kitty Preziosi. Also in attendance was Assistant Town Clerk Barbara McDaniel and Clerk Janet Gale recording the meeting. Jason Curtis, Denis Shaw, Richelle Gilhauley, and Zel Veesser were absent.

2. SELECTION OF CHAIR

Ms. McDaniel advised the Board that since Chair Geri Clark was appointed to represent the Town Council and because she did not run for election, she was automatically removed from the Board. She also stated that Wayne Arnold had resigned, which meant the Board was without a Chair and Vice-Chair. Ms. McDaniel stated that Council had deferred the appointment of a Councilmember until their April 2nd meeting. She explained that the Board could appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair or the Board could appoint temporary assignments until the two Board vacancies were filled.

Ms. Montgomery made a motion to nominate Mr. Blanco as Chair. The motion died due to the lack of a second.

Ms. Preziosi made a motion to nominate Mr. Pisula as Chair. Mr. Pisula declined and asked for more discussion.

Mr. Blanco suggested that the Board elect a temporary chair. He stated that he had hoped that Ms. Clark would return to the Board and felt that since she had organized the Board and was working with the Broward County Human Relations Board, that she could be beneficial to the Board.

Ms. Montgomery made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pisula, to appoint Mr. Blanco as temporary chair for the March 25th meeting only. In a voice vote, with Mr. Curtis, Mr. Shaw, Ms. Gilhauley, and Ms. Veesser being absent, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 5-0)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 25, 2003

Mr. Pisula made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to accept the minutes of February 24, 2003. In a voice vote, with Mr. Curtis, Mr. Shaw, Ms. Gilhauley, and Ms. Veesser being absent, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 5-0)

4. OLD BUSINESS

4.1 Diversity Festival

Ms. McDaniel advised that at a previous meeting, the Board had agreed on setting up two hour shifts. She stated that the Town would be providing the table and chairs and she would help locate the Board's banner. Ms. Montgomery and Mr. Pisula volunteered for the first shift from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and Mr. Blanco and Mr. Johnson volunteered for the 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. shift. Ms. Preziosi stated that she would be out of town on that date. Ms. McDaniel advised that she would call the other Boardmembers who were not in attendance to see if they could volunteer for the 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and the 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. shift. She stated that she would have more brochures and the magnets for distribution.

5. NEW BUSINESS

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There were none.

6. TELEPHONE ACTION REQUESTS

There were none. Ms. McDaniel stated that she had been advised by the Davie Police Department there were no further incidents to report on the Lisa Soffron case so it was closed and the report was on file.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

8. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS

Ms. McDaniel advised the Board that she would be at the Diversity Festival at 9:00 a.m. to bring the banner, magnets and the brochures.

Mr. Blanco inquired as to where the Board's next meeting would be held and Ms. McDaniel responded at Town Hall.

Ms. McDaniel asked the Board if they wanted to hold bi-monthly meetings. Mr. Blanco responded that a meeting should be held in April for the election of a Chair and thought that a Councilmember should be present. Ms. McDaniel advised that she did not have any Councilmembers who wanted to volunteer for the Board at this time. She also stated that if a Councilmember had been appointed and if there were telephone action requests, then the Board may want to have an April meeting, but if the appointment was not made and there were no telephone action requests, then the Board may not want to hold an April meeting.

Mr. Pisula made a motion, seconded by Mr. Blanco, that the next Board meeting be held in May, pending any urgent telephone action requests that may be received. In a voice vote, with Mr. Curtis, Mr. Shaw, Ms. Gilhauley, and Ms. Veaser being absent, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 5-0)

Ms. McDaniel advised that the May meeting would be held at the Pine Island Multipurpose center.

Ms. Preziosi suggested that the frequency of the meetings be placed on the next agenda.

Ms. Montgomery inquired when the Boardmembers' terms would be expiring. Ms. McDaniel advised that Boardmembers' terms would expire April 2004.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Approved: _____

Chair/Board Member